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FREE SUMMER MEALS FOR KIDS

Are you trying to stretch your food budget this summer to feed growing kids? School is out and kids are playing hard, working up appetites that can put a strain on any food budget. The *Summer Food Program* can help.

The *Summer Food Program* offers *FREE MEALS* to kids, ages 1 to 18. There are over 120 sites throughout Utah where free meals are served to any child who shows up for lunch. Many kids think of it as a picnic. They often live close enough to walk or bike to the *Summer Food* Site. You can eat with your children for about \$2.50.

Free *Summer Food* meals (usually lunches) are offered Monday through Friday. A few sites offer breakfast and lunch. Most *Summer Food* sites are in schools. Some are in parks, a few more in some Boys and Girls Clubs, and other non-profit agencies.

Check with the school closest to you to see if it offers the *Summer Food Program*. Or, call Utahns Against Hunger at **1-800-453-3663** to find out the location, time, and starting date of the site closest to you.

The *Summer Food Program* was created to provide free nutritious meals to kids when school is not in session. There are no forms to fill out and identification is not required. <u>Children just need to show up.</u>

If you already know the *Summer Food* site closest to you, please tell your friends and neighbors so their kids can benefit from this great program.

If there is not a *Summer Food Program* site near you, call Utahns Against Hunger. They want to work with you to get one started in your area next year.

Tip: When you get a splinter, reach for the scotch tape before resorting to tweezers or a needle. Simply put the scotch tape over the splinter, scotch tape removes the splinter painlessly and easily.

Health Clinics of Utah is currently accepting new patients from all Medicaid HMO's.

We offer Family Practice services as well as many other specialties. Including

ENT,

Orthopedics,

Internal Medicine,

Nerve Conduction Studies and others.

We are open week days for scheduled appointments as well as emergency walk in services. Please call today for an appointment

Salt Lake City - 2 locations 2121 South 230 East 801-468-0354

288 North 1460 West 801-538-9424

Provo

150 East Center Street #1100 801-374-7011

<u>Ogden</u>

2540 Washington Blvd #122 801-626-3670

Interpreter Services

If needed, Medicaid clients can have a language interpreter when receiving medical care. Your provider can call your HMO's contracting interpretive service organization and arrange for someone to assist with language interpretation. If you don't have an HMO, your provider can call International Rescue Committee (IRC) at 801-328-1091 or Catholic community Services at 801-977-9119, Passport to Languages at 800-297-2707, or Penskiff Interpreting Services 1-800-246-7127.

Si es necesario, los clientes de Medicaid pueden obtener a un interprete cuando reciben el cuidado medico. Su doctor puede llamar a el interprete contractado por su HMO. Si usted no tiene un HMO, su doctor puede llamar International Rescue Committee (IRC) 801-328-1091, Passport to Languages 1-800-297-2707, Pentskiff Interpreting Services 1-800-246-7127, o Servicios Católicos de Comunidad 801-977-9119.

Resources

Utah Department of Health	
Check Your Health Hotline	1-888-222-2542
Health related information and referral	
Medicaid Hotline	1-800-662-9651
Baby Your Baby Hotline	1-800-826-9662
Prenatal and Child Health Care Information	
CHIP	1-888-222-2542
Children's Health Insurance Program	
Immunize by Two	1-800-275-0659
Baby Watch Program	1-800-961-4226
Early Intervention - birth to 3	
Truth about Tobacco	1-888-567-8784
HMO Customer Service Number	
American Family Care	1-888-483-
0760	
IHC Access	1-800-442-9023
United MedChoice	1-800-401-
0666	
Healthy U	1-888-271-5870

Your rights to medical care: As a **Medicaid** consumer, you have the right to get medical care regardless of your race, color, nationality, disability, age, sex or religion. If you feel you have been treated unfairly or discriminated against for any reason, call your HMO. Ask to speak with the Civil Rights coordinator. If you are not enrolled with an HMO, call Health Care Financing at 1-877-291-5583.

Non-Emergency Transportation Change

Beginning July 1, non-emergency transportation to Medicaid medical services will be provided by

PickMeUp Medical Transport.

To qualify for transportation services you must



- i Not have access to a working vehicle
- i Not be able to use public transportation or have access to public transportation
- i Have your physician certify you can't use public transportation

If you can use public transportation and need help getting to doctor visits, bus cards are available through you Medicaid worker.

Call **1-888-822-1048** 24 hours before your visit to schedule a ride.

Did you Know?

One cup of Fat Free Milk has 90 Calories and 30% of the daily value of Calcium.

One 12 ounce can of Cola has 150 calories and 0% of daily value for Calcium.

TO AVOID MEDICAL BILLS:

i Always show your Medicaid card when getting medical services.

Always go to the doctor or hospital that accepts your HMO.

New Cancer Program

Good news for women with breast or cervical cancer!

Beginning July 1, 01 a new
Medicaid program comes on line
which will provide insurance
coverage to women that have been
identified by Center for Disease Control (CDC)
and are in need of cancer treatment.

A woman must meet the general Medicaid requirements along with the following specific requirements:

A woman:

- 6. Must be screened for
 - a. breast or cervical cancer under the Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program and
 - b. found to need treatment,
- 7. She cannot be eligible for any other Utah Medicaid program,
- 8. She cannot be enrolled under a group health plan or other health insurance coverage plan,
- 9. She must be under age 65

There are not any income and asset requirements for Medicaid eligibility. However, eligibility for the screening is based on CDC income guidelines.

For more information about this program please contact your local health department office or call 1-800-717-1811.

If you are pregnant and on Medicaid, call 1-800-662-9651 to find out about smoking cessation programs in your area.

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